

**Lieutenant Governor John and Patti
Garamendi Mourn Passing of Eunice Shriver**

SACRAMENTO – Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi and his wife Patti Garamendi today mourn the passing of Eunice Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics and sister of former President John F. Kennedy:

“We loved and admired Eunice Shriver and are saddened to learn of her passing. Patti was chair of the Special Olympics in Stockton in 1976, and we were in awe when it was hosted in China. We were there when our athletes returned, watching those incredible teams arrive at the airport. What a journey from the beginning to that moment. Eunice’s vision made all of that possible. The recognition at last year’s Women’s conference hosted by First Lady Maria Shriver touched everyone in the room.

Eunice was an amazing woman, a great mother, grandmother, and mentor to thousands of volunteers. It must have been amazing to grow up in such “light,” a light that reflected love around the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Shriver family, including First Lady Maria Shriver, Sargent Shriver, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Senator Ted Kennedy.”

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